GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA

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Generation of Waste
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the movement of waste generated and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the country's sewerage system is able to cope up with the excreta generated at present;
(c) if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government has any data about the present installed capacity to treat human excreta in the country; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) to (e) Under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) of Ministry of Urban Development and Mission for Smart Cities for 500 Class-I cities approved by Govt. of India, one of the eligible components is sewerage and sewage treatment plants including recycling and re-use of wastewater. The capacity of sewage treatment plants in Class-I & Class-II towns i.e. 11553.68 MLD & 233.70 MLD respectively as per Central Pollution Control Board report published in 2009.

The mandate of this Ministry is rural sanitation, for which Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) has been launched. The Mission is a comprehensive programme to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with the main objective of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment. Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) is one of the integral components of SBM(G) and under Liquid Waste Management, activities like low cost drainage, soakage channels/ pits, waste stabilization ponds system, reuse of waste water etc. can be taken up. Depending upon the amount of waste water generated, the State can choose the type of liquid waste management facility they wish to create. Funds for Solid and Liquid Waste Management activities with a cap of Rs. 7/12/15/20 lakh are available for Gram Panchayats having upto 150/300/500/ more than 500 households.
Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), measures are taken to prevent open defecation and to provide safe disposal of human excreta. This can be done through on-site toilet technologies such as twin-leach pit that do not require underground sewerage system and are much cheaper and equally effective. The choice of technology lies with the end-user, as long as it ensures safe disposal of human excreta.

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